## **UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Docket No. BIF114205/US

## To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: Yvon BUARD

corresponding to French application 0009132, filed July 12, 2000,

entitled: TRUNKING CONNECTING DEVICE

	Encl	iclosed are:									
	х	12 pages of specification.									
	Х	5 sheets of formal drawings.									
	х	a newly-executed declaration of the inventor.									
		a copy of an executed declaration of the inventor from prior application serial No. , filed .									
		incorporation by reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied as indicated in the preceding box, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.									
	х	an assignment of the invention to ${\tt LEGRAND}$ and ${\tt LEGRAND}$ SNC, including assignment cover sheet.									
	х	Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449.									
	х	a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement citation.									
ı		preliminary amendment.									
	Х	return receipt postcard (MPEP 503), specifically itemized.									
		applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.									
	х	a certified copy of the French Priority Document.									
	х	other: Application Data Sheet.									

If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information.

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of prior application No., filed.

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If applicant claims smal 37 CFR 1.27, then divide enter amount here.	I entity status under total fee by 2, and	SMALL E		s						
A check in the amount of \$750 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to beposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young & Thompson, as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  Charge the amount of \$ as filing fee.  Credit any overpayment.  X  Charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, during the pendency of this application.  Charge the issue fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance.  Robert J. Patch Registration No. 17,355 745 South 23rd Street Arlington, Va 22202 Telephone 703/521-2297  July 12, 2001										